



Newsletter September 25, 2008

Dear Colleagues:

I have some pertinent information that I would like to share with you.

1) New Utah History Atlas

Dr. Clifford Craig, a professor of Geography at Utah State University, and one of his graduate students have developed a new Utah Classroom Atlas. They have written the atlas after suggestions from committees of selected 4th and 7th grade teachers. If you have not seen the atlas, or would like to order some copies, you can contact him at cliffbcraig@msn.com. Dr. Craig would be happy to hear from you.

2) Saturday History Seminar

A Saturday History Seminar, "Educating Citizens of the 21st Century: Meeting the Challenges of Teaching Social Studies in the Modern World," will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. It will be held at Mt. Jordan Middle School (9361 S. 300 E., Sandy). There will be a continental breakfast and lunch. I am also enclosing a flyer for you to you with registration information. Registration deadline is Oct 23, 2008. There will be classes for both elementary and secondary teachers. Some of the presenters will be Dr. Ronald Coleman, Forrest Cuch, Pam Su'a, Kay Allred, Byron Cannon, Drew McLeran, Terry and Debbie Cline, Stephanie, and JoAnna Seely, Judy Jackman, Quinn Rollins, Pam Smith, Jan Rolan, Matt Logan, LaRae Larkin, Sheri Sorenson. USOE credit (.5) is available.

3) Utah State Historical Society

The Utah State Historical Society has a new Teachers Forum that they have just started on their website. It is a place where teachers can share ideas for teaching history, ask for ideas, and provide feedback to other teachers. Here is the link to it:

<http://history.utah.gov/forum/viewforum.php?f=10>

It is time for the Prehistory Poster Contest sponsored by the Utah State Historical Society/Utah State History! The Prehistory Poster Contest is a great teaching tool to get students thinking about Utah's prehistory. Entrants may choose any material, design, or medium, but the principal elements of the design should depict aspects of Utah archaeology. The winning poster will be professionally printed and distributed

throughout the United States. Winners in three categories will receive cash prizes: grand contest winner: \$250; secondary school winner: \$100; and elementary school winner: \$100. I've attached a flyer with more information, rules, and entry form. Posters should be submitted no later than January 7, 2009.

Kids really do win! Check out winning posters from previous years at:

http://history.utah.gov/archaeology/i_love_archaeology/prehistory_week/posters.html

4) **Bill of Rights Institute.**

Being An American Essay Contest - Now Nationwide!

High school students - *and teachers* - nationwide have the chance to win significant cash prizes and a free trip to Washington, D.C. by participating in the Bill of Rights Institute's 2008-09 Being An American Essay Contest that explores the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Easy to include in your curriculum, the essay contest will allow your students to:

- Explore Civic Values
- Describe American Ideals
- Connect with the Constitution

Contest Starts September 2, 2008 and Ends December 1, 2008!

More details on the 2008-09 Being An American Essay Contest, including contest rules, submission details, FREE lesson plans and background information are available at www.BeingAnAmerican.org or call the Bill of Rights Institute at 800.838.7870, ext. 12.

5) **Entrepreneurship Contest for Middle School, High School, and College Students.** **THE EXPORT/IMPORT IDEA CHALLENGE**

Students from every state compete for the best ideas for a new entrepreneurial opportunity in the global economy. Learn what is happening in a country of your choice . . . then explain what unique product you would export or import as a creative marketing opportunity. In an effort to make this competition fun and reflective of 21st century technology, a new social networking site called Lockerbay.com will be used to receive submissions.

For more information, please go to <http://www.entre-ed.org/STATES/iechallenge%5b1%5d.pdf> .

6) **Dialogue on Democracy**

This is a note from Alan Griffin, Life Skills, Academic Service Learning Specialist.

I just wanted you all to know that you are invited to the 4th annual Dialogue on Democracy on October 23rd. There is a teacher session at 10:00 a.m. with Dan Jones, who will speak on the upcoming election, and there will be a nice dinner event in the evening with Lieutenant General Brent W. Scowcroft. The State Office will pay for the dinner event for any of you who come to the morning session. We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity. Please see the attached flyer for additional information and a link to the registration site.

Please feel free to pass this email message along to any you feel may be interested. We will fill our allotment of dinner invitees on a first-come first-served basis. I hope many of you will attend.

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7) **Stock Market Game Information** - For General Financial Literacy and other teachers
The Stock Market Game dates posted below were supplied by Ruth Sargent, 801-538-7847, ruth.sargent@schools.utah.gov. **The Stock Market Game training** at the Homestead Resort in Midway Oct 6-7 training registration deadline passed before we could send out the September newsletter. Contact Ruth to see if there are any openings for this training.

Teacher training for the Stock Market Game scheduled for October 6-7 at the Homestead Resort in Midway. Your lodging, meals, and one-day substitute expense (up to \$65) are included. If you have not attended the New Teacher Training Workshop or would like to attend a 2nd time, please complete the attached registration form and fax it to me at 801-538-7868 by Friday, September 12. Please indicate on the registration form when you last attended the workshop.

This is a popular workshop with limited space.

Stock Market Game Dates

The Fall 2008 Game dates are October 6 - December 16, 2008, and the Spring 2009 Game dates are February 9 - April 17, 2009. Log on at www.stockmarketgame.org to register your teams now!

I hope that these items will be of use to you and your endeavors.

Best wishes,

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